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FOLLOWING REPEAT REYKJAVIK 0041 ACTION WASHDC INFO
CINCLANT COMICEDEFOR SECSTATE DATED 1/13/75;

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SUBJ: PROBLEM IN PROCUREMENT OF GOI OF HELICOPIERS

1. LOCAL AGEN FOR BELL HELICOPTERS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF
DIFFICULTIES WHICH ICELANDIC COAST GUARD IS HAVING IN PLANNED
PROCUREMENT OF TWO BELL HELICOPTERS MODEL NO. 296A FROM US.
ALTHOUGH GOI HAS NOT YET APPROVED FUNDS FOR PURCHASE. COAST
GUARD DIRECTOR IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PRICE QUOTE. LOCAL AGENT
SAYS BELL APPARENTLY HAS LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH ITALIAN
FIRM WHICH GIVES THAT FIRM EXCLUSIVE AGENCY RIGHTS FOR THAT
MODEL FOR EUROPE. COAST GUARD DIRECTOR HAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT
HE WILL BUY BELL EQUIPMENT ONLY IF PRODUCED IN US AND NO
OTHER US MANUFACTURER MAKES COMPARABLE AIRCRAFT. DIRECTOR HAS
ALSO SAID THAT IF HE CANNOT OBTAIN US-MANUFACTURED MODEL DIRECT
HE MAY SEEK INTERVENTION OF US DOD TO ACT AS PROCURING
AGENT. IF THIS NOT WORKABLE, DIRECTOR STATES HE WILL PURCHASE
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FRENCH HELICOPTERS. BELL APPARENTLY REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST

SUGGESTION OF DOD INTERVENTION.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT DEPARTMENT, DOD,
AND COMMERCE TO PROBLEM AND TO SEEK ANY ADVICE WE MIGHT BE ABLE
TO GIVE TO DIRECTOR.
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